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Dear Interested Party,

The North Umpqua and Diamond Lake Ranger Districts of the Umpqua National Forest have prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Calf-Copeland Restoration Project and it is now available for a 45-day review and comment period.

The DEIS and supporting documents can be found on the Umpqua National Forest's project website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46990>. You may also request a copy of the document by contacting the North Umpqua Ranger District at 541-496-3532 or by contacting the project lead identified below.

The Calf-Copeland Restoration Project proposes to provide greater landscape resiliency to wildfire and other disturbances; restore the health and vigor of sugar and ponderosa pine; provide conditions for better protection of life and property within the Wildland Urban Interface; and restore watershed conditions within the planning area. Proposed harvest treatments include thinning, gap creation, sugar pine restoration, meadow restoration, and skips. Non-commercial activities include thinning, shaded fuel breaks, defensible space (WUI), broadcast and pile burning, maintenance burning, pruning, tree planting, and pheromone application. Post-harvest fuels treatments would include lop and scatter, pile and burn and post-harvest prescribed burns. Transportation related activities would include temporary road construction, road maintenance, road decommissioning, and road storage.

I invite you to review this DEIS and submit comments sharing your concerns with or support of the project before we issue a draft Record of Decision based upon the analysis, pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subpart A and B.

The Forest Service will accept comments on the DEIS for 45-days following publication of the Notice of Availability (NOA) in *The Federal Register*, which is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period. Commenters should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. It is the commenter's responsibility to ensure timely receipt of comments (36 CFR 218.25).

Commenters referencing scientific literature should supply the referenced material and discuss its relevancy to the project as part of their comments. The Forest Service reserves the right to request copies from commenters of any literature cited but not provided with comment letters.

Only individuals and entities who submit project-specific comments during this 45-day period will be eligible to file an objection. Issues raised in objections must be based on previously



written comments specific to the proposed project, unless the objection concerns new information that arose after the opportunity to comment.

How to Comment: Comments will be accepted by the Responsible Official, Sherri L. Chambers, North Umpqua District Ranger, through the Forest Service online comment system or by email, mail, facsimile, or hand-delivery. Comments received, including the names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record for this project and will be available for public review (40 CFR 1501.7 and 1508.22; Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, Section 21).

- Online comment system at <https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/CommentInput?Project=46990>. Attachments may be in the following formats: plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), Word (.doc, .docx), or portable document format (.pdf).
- Email with Calf-Copeland Project in the subject to FS-comments-pacificnorthwest-umpqua-northumpqua@usda.gov.
- Mailed, faxed, or hand-delivered to North Umpqua Ranger District, Attn: Calf-Copeland Project, 18782 North Umpqua Highway, Glide, OR 97443; Fax 541-496-3534. Office hours for those submitting hand-delivered comments are 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

The Forest will host a public meeting on August 27, 2019 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm at the Glide Community Center located at 20062 North Umpqua Highway, Glide, OR 97443. Members of the interdisciplinary team will be available to discuss the project and answer questions.

For more project information contact team lead Richard Helliwell at richard.helliwell@usda.gov or 541-957-3337.

Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,



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District Ranger